

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-35 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-35 (Canceled.)

36. (Original.) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least 90% identity with an amino acid sequence comprising amino acids 42-248 of SEQ ID NO:43 or which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridize under high stringency conditions with the complementary strand of a nucleotide sequence comprising nucleotides 124-744 of SEQ ID NO:18.

37. (Original.) The isolated polypeptide of claim 36 comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least 90% identity with a sequence comprising amino acids 42-248 of SEQ ID NO:43.

38. (Original.) The isolated polypeptide of claim 36 comprising an amino acid sequence which has at least 95% identity with a sequence comprising amino acids 42-248 of SEQ ID NO:43.

39. (Original.) The isolated polypeptide of claim 36 comprising an amino acid sequence which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridize under high stringency conditions with the complementary strand of a nucleotide sequence comprising nucleotides 124-744 of SEQ ID NO:18.

40. (Original.) The isolated polypeptide of claim 36 comprising an amino acid sequence which is encoded by a nucleotide sequence which hybridize under very high stringency conditions with the complementary strand of a nucleotide sequence comprising nucleotides 124-744 of SEQ ID NO:18.